

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 17 is cancelled No new matter is added. Claims 1, 3-8, and 10-16 are pending and under consideration.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 1, 3-8 and 10-16.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER U.S.C. § 102

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,904,143 to Peterson et al. (hereinafter "Peterson").

Claim 17 is cancelled.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

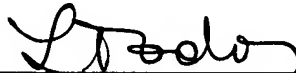
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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